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Applicant: Bottega Veneta International S.a.r.l.
Serial No: 77/219184
Mark: Three dimensional configuration of interlaced woven strips of leather
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REQUEST FOR A 15-DAY EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE REPLY BRIEF

Applicant, through its undersigned counsel, hereby requests a fifteen (15) day extension of time in which to file its reply brief in connection with the appeal of the above-referenced application.

Applicant filed its application to register the mark at issue on June 29, 2007. The Examiner has refused registration, contending that under Trademark Act § 2(e)(5), 15 U.S.C. § 1052(e)(5), the mark is functional, or in the alternative, under Trademark Act §§ 1, 2 and 45, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1051-1052, 1127, the mark is solely ornamental and lacks acquired distinctiveness. A final office action was issued by the Examiner on December 14, 2009. Applicant filed its Notice of Appeal on June 10, 2010. Pursuant to an extension, Applicant filed its appeal brief on October 8, 2010. On December 10, 2010, the Examining Attorney filed his opposition brief. Applicant's reply brief is currently on December 30, 2010.

As previously noted, Applicant is a foreign corporation, located in Italy, which will lead to unavoidable delays in communication between Applicant and Applicant's counsel regarding necessary instructions. These delays will only increase in the period before the current filing date, December 30, 2010, because of the Christmas and New Year holidays. The requested 15-

day extension of time is necessary for Applicant to review the Examiner's opposition brief and prepare Applicant's brief on reply. *See* Rule 1203.02(d), Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Manual of Procedure ("TBMP").

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Board grant its request for a 15-day extension of time to file its appeal brief until January 14, 2011. Applicant has demonstrated good cause to grant this request and seeks this reasonable extension in good faith.

Respectfully submitted,

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